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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, KU, SA  
SUBJECT: CROWN PRINCE FAHD WASHINGTON VISIT: GOK BRIEFED.

REF: STATE 124776

1. CHARGE MET JUNE 2 WITH MFA UNDER SECRETARY RASHID AL-RASHID TO BRIEF HIM ON PRESIDENT'S TALKS WITH PRINCE FAHD, IN ACCORDANCE STATE REFTEL. RASHID LISTENED WITH TOTAL CONCENTRATION AND HAD DETAILED NOTES TAKEN. HE EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION THAT USG SHOULD BRIEF GOK IN THIS MANNER, AND UNDERTOOK SEE TO IT THAT FORMIN AND PRIME MINISTER ARE PROMPTLY INFORMED OF POINTS MADE. IN RESPONSE CHARGE'S QUESTION, RASHID WAS EVASIVE AS TO WHETHER SAUDIS HAD ALREADY CONVEYED ACCOUNT OF FAHD'S WASHINGTON VISIT.

2. UNDER SECRETARY'S SUBSTANTIVE REACTION WAS LIMITED TO EXPRESSION OF PESSIMISM BASED ON PROBABLE MENAHEM BEGIN  
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LEADERSHIP OF NEW ISRAELI GOVERNMENT. STILL, HE REMARKED, IF BEGIN, AS THE LONG-TIME OPPOSITION LEADER AND ANTI-PEACE MEMBER OF KNESSET, CHOSE TO LEAD ISRAEL TO PEACE, HE WOULD BE UNOPPOSED. CHARGE TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO READ TO RASHID PORTION OF US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT (WIRELESS FILE JUNE 1) IN WHICH PRESIDENT REPLIES TO HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION "WHAT IF NEW ISRAELI GOVERNMENT RE-

FUSES TO CONSIDER RETURNING LANDS CAPTURED FROM THE ARAB NATIONS?"

3. RASHID LAUNCHED INTO LONG AND MOST ENTHUSIASTIC DESCRIPTION OF PRESIDENT CARTER AS A MAN WHOSE SENSE OF MORALITY AND ETHICS, AND WILLINGNESS TO "TALK STRAIGHT", CARRY PROMISE OF STRONG AND EFFECTIVE WORLD LEADERSHIP. QUOTING AN "OLD ARAB PROVERB" (BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER), RASHID SAID PRESIDENT WOULD BE SURROUNDED BY STRONG AND ETHICAL MEN, AND WOULD HOPEFULLY BE ABLE TO CHANGE THE PRESENT TREND WHICH RASHID SAW TOWARD WORLD DISASTER, IF NOT WAR THEN FAILURE TO SOLVE THE ENERGY CRISIS. REFERRING TO PRESIDENT AS A MAN OBVIOUSLY DEDICATED TO PREVENTING FURTHER TRAGIC "SHAKINGS" OF THE WORLD, RASHID REMARKED THAT THIS WAS KUWAIT'S PRIMARY FOREIGN POLICY PRINCIPLE ALSO. CHARGE REPLIED THAT USG WOULD COUNT ON KUWAIT'S CONTINUING EFFORTS FOR MODERATION AND PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST.

4. COMMENT: THIN AS WAS THE MATERIAL PROVIDED IN REFTTEL, BEING ABLE TO BRIEF THIS KEY GOK FOREIGN POLICY OFFICIAL PERSONALLY ON PRESIDENT/FAHD TALKS WAS OBVIOUSLY VERY HELPFUL.  
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